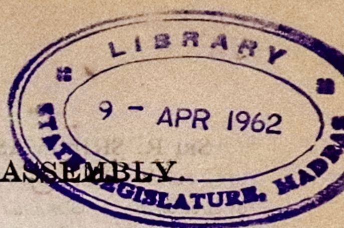


THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 18th September 1961.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, Madras, at eleven of the clock on Monday, 18th September 1961, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Malattaru Reorganization (Irrigation) Scheme

* 1535 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHI (on behalf of SRI S. LAZAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of the Malattaru Reorganization (Irrigation) Scheme in Lalgudi taluk, Tiruchirappalli district;

(*b*) when the work is likely to commence; and

(*c*) the cost of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The plans and estimates for the remodelling of Malattaru channel are under revision by the Superintending Engineer, Thanjavur Circle. Action for according admistrative approval for the work will be taken by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) after the revised estimate is ready.

(*b*) During the closure season of 1962.

(*c*) About Rs. 1.00 lakh.

Tanks (Repairs to)

* 1542 *Q.*—SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have estimated the total cost for (i) repairing and (ii) restoring to Public Works Department standards all tanks taken over by the Government;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to investigate and prepare plans and estimates for repairing and restoring all the tanks mentioned in clause (*a*); and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A tentative estimate is Rs. 407 lakhs.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Food Production Circle is attending to the improvement of the sources in the erstwhile zamin areas. The tempo of progress is maintained year after year.